



## **Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture**

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30p

Location: Zoom

### **Minutes**

**Attending:** Stewart Ikeda, Lidia Kenig-Scher, Nicole Cuff, Christine Noah, Steve Poltorzycki, Brian McMurray, Sarah Morgan-Wu

**Absent:** Cristin Canterbury Bagnall, Beth Locke, Tom Formicola

**Guests:** Terry Holt, DJ Beauregard, Laura Hanrahan, Cecily Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Proposed by Lidia Kenig-Scher. Seconded by Christine Noah. Motion passed**

### **SECRETARY UPDATE**

#### **Minutes & Secretary**

### **CHAIR UPDATES - COMMITTEES & TASKFORCES**

FIN COMM IN-PERSON Monday, 3/6 at 7:30pm in the O'Neill Community Room at the Public Safety Building (Police Station) at 112 Mystic Street

DEIA Task Force is resuming; Black Joy Project will be presented in upcoming meeting; Commissioners should review 3-year plan goals; think strategically about who to invite to join to broaden and diversify the scope of the committee. Discussion of the difference between taskforce, which is an inter-program working group, and a committee.

Marketing Committee is resuming -- trying to organize meeting in March 12 via Zoom. Promotional needs of the Commission are now greater and we have new hands to assist but still looking for more folks who may be interested.

We're at end of 3-year plan, adjusted once for COVID; product of a retreat; needs year 3 review as we begin another multi year planning process with all-new participants, including the 2025/2026 250th Commemoration.

[ACAC Operations Plan](#) | [Strategic Plan](#) | [Sample Year 2 Assessment](#)

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES**

### **Kari Percival**

Sunday, March 5 at 1-3pm at the Roasted Granola Cafe is the closing reception for the Artist-in-Residence Kari Percival. Some of Kari's work will go up along the Bikeway in the future.

### **BHM Banners**

This year we received a proposal from two 10-year old artists who proposed a BHM theme of "business." These banners may stay up through the month of March. There is an artists' reception on Saturday, March 4.

### **Youth Banners March SB 3/20**

The youth banners were approved by the Select Board. The coordinator has been invited to return to the March 20th Select Board meeting for a presentation of the banners.

### **Climate Futures Project**

An initial presentation has been made to the Parks Commission seeking approval to post the Arlington Parks related pieces from the Climate Futures Project. An additional conversation at an upcoming meeting will be necessary.

### **Artist Compensation Funding**

D.J. Beauregard reports that work is underway to seek funding for artist compensation. Nothing final to report yet but progress is being made.

### **Poet Laureate Update**

Our Poet Laureate has been working hard for the community and implementing some new changes including Beehive Poetry will be re-opening to the public and new poetry book groups. Her work has focused more on making poetry accessible rather than just creating new poetry.

## **UPDATES: STRATEGIC PLANNING**

This topic will be discussed in the next meeting.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION: MARKETING PROCESSES & NEEDS**

Commissioners and guests discussed several topics around challenges and needs for marketing and brand identity for the Commission and other close partnering arts organizations in Arlington.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Menotomy 250 is the new naming for the Semiquincentennial Committee. Several sub-committees have been identified. ACAC Commissioners or other interested parties are encouraged to get involved, reach out to Stewart if interested.

## **Next meeting will be Thursday, April 6 from 7:00-8:30p**

Steve Poltorzycki moved to adjourn. Sarah Morgan-Wu seconds. The meeting adjourns at 8:42pm.